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1. SO FAR, ONLY TYGROUP OF SYRIAN OFFICIALS HAVE PARTICIPATED AT NARCOTIC TRAINING PROGRAMS IN US (US CUSTOMS SERVICE COURSE STARTING JULY 11, 1976.) PARTICIPANTS OF THIS TRAINING COURSE WERE DEBRIEFED UPON THEIR RETURN BY EMBASSY NARCOTIC COORDINATOR TO SYRIA AND MADE DETAILED COMMENTS TO COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS IN DAMASCUS. GENERALLY PARTICIPANTS WERE LAUDATORY OF COURSE CONTENT AND PRESENTATION AND ITS GENERAL RELEVANCY TO PROBLEMS THEY WOULD ENCOUNTER IN SYRIA.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES IS IMPORTANT. GUIDELINES USED FOR ABOVE MENTIONED COURSE ARE REALISTIC AND BETTER SERVE NEEDS OF UP-GRADING ANTI-NARCOTIC EFFORTS THAN SELECTION OF MORE SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT BE LESS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH ENFORCEMENT. TO DATE WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBSERVE WHAT BENEFITS PARTICIPANTS MAY HAVE DERIVED FROM TRAINING. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE GENERAL RECEPTIVITY OF PARTICIPANTS TO COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY WILL BE NET PLUS IN OUR JOINT EFFORTS WITH SYRIANS ON NARCOTIC
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3. WHILE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FAILED TO NOMINATE PARTICIPANTS FOR TRAINING COURSES, WE BELIEVE SUCH RESULTED FROM BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS AND NOT LACK OF DESIRE FOR TRAINING. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INCLUSION OF SYRIAN PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE

TRAINING COURSES.

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